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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/773,280	WATANABE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application filed 02/09/2004 and the interview on 09/30/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>09-30-2004</u> . |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>02-09-2004</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Derek Richmond (reg. no. 45,771) on September 30, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 8, line 19, the phrase "[Components of Stencil Printing Machine]" was deleted and replaced with -- Components of Stencil Printing Machine-- to delete the brackets used in the specification (since brackets can be used to designate deleted subject matter in amendment and reissue practice and may lead to confusion).

On page 18, line 23, the phrase --through connecting member 158-- was inserted after "connecting plate 157" to provide a description of reference numeral 158 shown in Figure 3.

On page 18, line 26, the phrase --connected to connecting lever 193-- was inserted after "rotatably".

On page 21, line 25, the phrase “[Processing Operation of Stencil Printing Machine]” was deleted and replaced with --Processing Operation of Stencil Printing Machine-- to delete the use of brackets in the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, line 6, the term “perforated” was deleted to insure all of the claim terminology has proper antecedent basis since no perforation was previously recited in the claim.

In claim 1, line 15, the term “perforated” was deleted.

In claim 1, line 17, the term “condition” was deleted and replaced with --conditions-- to use consistent terminology throughout the claims.

In claim 4, line 2, the term “a” was deleted and replaced with --an-- to correct an obvious grammatical error.

In claim 4, line 2, the term “printing” (second occurrence) was deleted and replaced with --print-- to use less awkward claim language.

In claim 6, line 2, the term --a-- was inserted before “number” to provide a proper article for the noun.

In claim 7, line 1, the term “condition” was deleted and replaced with --conditions-- to use consistent claim terminology throughout the claims.

In claim 9, line 5, the term “perforated” was deleted.

In claim 9, line 6, the term “printing” (third occurrence) was deleted.

In claim 9, line 12, the term "perforated" was deleted.

In claim 10, line 5, the term "conditions" was deleted and replaced with -
-condition-- to use consistent terminology throughout the claims.

IN THE TITLE:

Please note the title of the invention has been changed by the Examiner to the following to provide a title that more accurately reflects the claimed invention:

--STENCIL PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS INCLUDING PRINTING
DRUM WITH DATA STORAGE SECTION FOR STORING PRINTING AND
STENCIL MAKING CONDITIONS--

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a machine or method for stencil printing including all of the structure (or method steps) as recited, in combination with and particularly including, a control panel for setting stencil making conditions and printing conditions, a printing drum having the perforated stencil wrapped around thereof and including a storage section, a printing section including a printing conditions adjustment section which adjusts the printing section based upon the printing conditions, and *a control section storing the stencil making conditions and printing conditions in the*

storage section at the time when the perforated stencil sheet is wrapped around the printing drum and the control section adjusting the printing conditions adjustment section to print based upon the stencil making conditions and printing conditions in response to a direction of start of printing processing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 am-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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